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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, US

SUBJ: REPORTED ANTI-COMMUNIST MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON

REF: MOSCOW 4774

1. A FEW DAYS AGO A SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER COMMUNICATED TO US UNOFFICIALLY THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN OVER A PLANNED MEETING IN THE US OF THE "ANTI-BOLSHEVIK BLOC OF NATIONS" SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6, AND OF A MEETING OF THE "WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE," SCHEDULED FOR THE STATLER HILTON IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 8-11. IN REGARD TO THE LATTER MEETING, THE SOVIET EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT THE PROXIMITY OF THE STATLER HILTON TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY MIGHT RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RULE AGAINST HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS WITHIN 500 FEET OF A DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT.

2. WE INFORMED THE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY PRECLUDE USG INTERFERENCE IN PLANS OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO HOLD MEETINGS, BUT REITERATED ASSURANCES THAT OUR LAWS REGARDING PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE  
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VICINITY OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES WOULD BE ENFORCED.

3. THE FBI HAS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON THE ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AND IT IS OUR

UNDERSTANDING THAT NEITHER ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED IN THE PAST WITH VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS, THOUGH PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED BY THEM. THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE AND THE D.C. POLICE HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATIONS AND HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PROTECTION TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY (SOVIET EMBASSY SO INFORMED).

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO MEMBERS OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THESE MEETINGS. SOME SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, HOWEVER, PLAN TO DO SO.

5. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE IN ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS RAISED BY SOVIET EMBASSY. RUSH

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